



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes December 10, 2015

PRESENT:

Mario Avalos, Helena Chemical Corporation, Group 5
Tony Badilla, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Tom Batson, American Red Cross
Paige Brooks, Sunland Chemical Co, Group 5
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
John Hannon, Rural Metro, Group 2
Flora Hatch, Yuma County Emergency Management, Alternate, Group 2
Tim Pudleiner, Safety Manager, Achieve Human Services, Group 4
Darren Simmons, Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Group 1
Ray Smith, Battalion Chief, Somerton Cocopah Fire Dept., Group 1
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Police Department, Group 2
Manuel (Manny) Hernandez, City of Yuma Environmental, Group 2
Brian Hoon, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 5
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2

ABSENT:

Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Dustin Fields, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, San Luis Fire Department
Mark Hutsell, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Mike Kemp, Driscolls
Michael Klein, YCIPTA, Alternate to Shelly Kreger, Group 2
Shelly Kreger, YCIPTA, Group 2
Michael LeBrun, Yuma County Public Health Services District, Group 2
Mayor Douglas J Nicholls, City of Yuma, Group 1
Warren Quirk, Achieve Human Services
Noel Robles, Shaw Inc., Group 5
Sgt. David Rodriguez, Wellton Police Department, Alternate Group 2
Charles Ruerup, DPW, YPG, Group 5
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health Services District, Group 2

Kevin Tunell, Communications Director, Group 3
Mike Walton, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Denise Whisman, Ferrell Gas, Group 5
Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Group 1
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Gary Elk, Western Pre-cooling, Group 5
Michael Fila, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2
Steve Irr, City of Yuma, Alternate to Mayor Nicholls, Group 1
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5
Maria (Patti) Michael, Land O'Lakes Company, Group 5
David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Group 5

A quorum was present with 16 attendees and all groups represented.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lt. Darren Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Yuma County Public Health Auditorium, 2200 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona on December 10, 2015.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests introduced themselves. Guests included:

Donald Black, Emergency Manager Bureau of Reclamation
George Scott III, YACS
Joseph Lopez, City of Yuma
Shirley Dalton, CERT
Rudy Wallace, CERT
Sam Yarbrough, YACS
Lisa Myrick, AZ Dept. of Corrections
Norman Gold, AZ Dept. of Corrections

3. MINUTES:

Upon a motion made by Hernandez, and a second by Pudleiner, the minutes of the meeting held October 8, 2015, were approved by the members.

4. VIDEO-OPERATION LIFESAFER EMERGENCY-VEHICLE RAILROAD CROSSING:

Presentation was given.

A brief discussion was held reminding the group that there have been accidents with trains locally. **Chairman Simmons** noted the number to call in the event of a Union Pacific train related accident is 888-877-7267.

5. CITY OF YUMA HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT PRESENTATION:

Joseph Lopez, City of Yuma, gave a presentation on the upcoming City of Yuma Household Hazardous Waste event included the following:

Acceptable items

- Motor Oil
- Solvents
- Fertilizers
- Antifreeze
- Household cleaners
- Batteries
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Tires

Unacceptable Items

- Commercial waste
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Pressurized gas
- Radioactive waste
- Prescription drugs
- Sharps (needles)

The event is open to all Yuma County residents and is currently sponsored by the City of Yuma, City of Somerton, and Yuma County. It is currently held on the second Saturday of January, April, July, and October from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste event is the Yuma Recycling Drop-Off Days, residents are also encouraged to bring in their recyclables. Recyclable acceptable items include: aluminum cans, cardboard, plastic, shredded paper and non-shredded paper/documents, and e-waste (electronics).

Questions and Answers

1. How long does it take to process waste? The process is typically 2-3 weeks; however, volunteers are being sought to streamline the process. The goal is to process the waste in one day to save tax payer dollars.
2. How can someone get involved? Just show up the day of the even, sign up, and participate.
3. How many people does the event see on average? The last event saw 556 residents.
4. What types of items are accepted? In addition to what is listed on the flyer, latex paint is also accepted.
5. Does the City of Yuma have a radiation detector? No, the City of Yuma does not have a radiation detector.
6. What can be done with Smoke Detectors? Please refer to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's website: www.azdeq.gov

6. GRANT STATUS:

Badilla stated that the application for the 2015-2016 grant is still pending; \$5,000 was requested with \$3,000 budgeted for ammonia days and \$2,000 for travel and training.

7. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

a. Approval of Renewals

There were none at this time.

b. Introduction of potential members; possible action on Membership Applications

There were none at this time.

c. Approval of Designated Alternate

There were none at this time.

d. Approval of Resignation

Upon a motion made by **Badilla** and a second by **Simmons**, the resignation of Bart Edwards, APS, was approved.

8. New Business- Discussion and Possible Action:

a. Nomination and Approval of Mario Avalos from Vice Chair to Chairman of LEPC beginning January 1, 2016.

Upon a motion made by **Hernandez** and a second by **Badilla**, Mario Avalos appointment to Chairman was approved.

b. Nominations and Approval for Vice Chairman beginning January 1, 2016.

Upon a motion made by **Badilla** and a second by **Avalos**, the appointment of Robert Barocio to Vice Chairman was approved.

c. Discussion and possible action on:

i. Ammonia Leak at True Leaf

ii. Minor Ammonia Valve leak

Erfert stated the recent ammonia leak at True Leaf Farms in Yuma resulted in a few patients being transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for exposure, but noted nobody was seriously injured and surrounding residents were not affected. What occurred was a minor leak of ammonia due to a valve that had been worked on in the prior season. Typically, issues are not found until the beginning of a new season, which is what occurred. **Erfert** noted that in the two recent cases of ammonia leaks, neither was reported although it is required, regardless of amount.

9. Old Business- Discussion and Possible Action:

Hernandez asked when LEPC would receive its funds stating the City of Yuma could use the funding for books and printing for trainings. **Badilla** stated that the money requested has already been allocated but if Hernandez submits what is needed, he can include it in next year's request.

10. Chair Status Report, Chairman Lt. Darren Simmons

With his forthcoming retirement, **Chairman Simmons** stated his contact information would remain the same. He also reminded the group to stay safe during this holiday season.

11. Good of the Order/Announcements

Hamilton stated MCAS will conduct a region exercise April 25 – 29, 2016. The scenario will either be a pipeline emergency or a fuel emergency that will be terrorist driven. The MCAS Emergency Manager, Manny Enriquez, can be contact for more information at 928-269-6754.

Pudleiner noted that Achieve Human Services will be offering a new service after January 9, 2016: refurbish and restoring of old computers and laptops. Currently staff is working on getting certification through Microsoft. Donations are being accepted.

Hernandez noted the upcoming events:

- January 14 – Lead Safety Training – ADOSH and ADEQ to present
- February 4 – Asbestos awareness training geared towards building maintenance crews, managers, custodians, etc.

Wallace stated that there will be a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course on January 22, 23 & 29, 30; participants must be at least 18 years of age. The course will be free of charge.

Barocio noted the upcoming events:

- December 17 – tabletop for law enforcement at Yuma Proving Grounds (YPG)
- A full scale event on January 26 & 27 at YPG

Badilla reminded the committee of the upcoming classes:

- MAG 300 – January 26 – 28 (register in ERMA)
- Ammonia Days – February 11, 2016
- MAG 191 (EOC interface) – March 15
- Basic (Public Information Officer) PIO – March 7-8

- MAG 400 and another All Hazards dates TBD

Black stated that there are several upcoming tabletop drills coming up at the Desalting Plant.

Batson stated there will be shelter training and a management of volunteer's class on January 20 – 23. He also stated that on December 10, he will be participating in La Paz County's active shooter drill.

12. *Call to the Public*

There were none at this time.

13. *Adjourn*

Upon motion by **Hernandez** with a second by **Zavala**, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016, at Yuma County Public Health Auditorium, 2200 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364 at 09:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Flora Hatch, Financial Assistant
Yuma County Office of Emergency Management